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**From:** Whitley, Christopher  
**Sent:** Fri 9/20/2013 8:14:02 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Bridgeton Landfill - can you confirm  
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Veronique,

This, per orders from my superiors, will be all that we can provide. Karl is not doing interviews, and he has not authorized anyone else to provide interviews.

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Hi Chris,

Not to hound you, but I've now heard from two independent sources that EPA will be taking over regulatory oversight of the trench/barrier that's going to be dug to keep the underground fire in the Bridgeton Landfill from spreading to the radioactive waste in the Waste Lake Landfill – and also that construction of that trench is going to start right away, rather than waiting for triggers as originally planned.

Can you confirm this information?

Also, I'd love to have someone from the EPA on tape for the story (Administrator Brooks?), if at all possible.

Thank you,

Veronique

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